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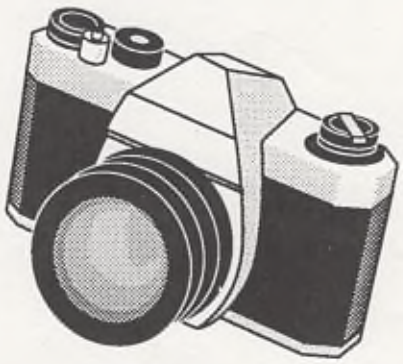

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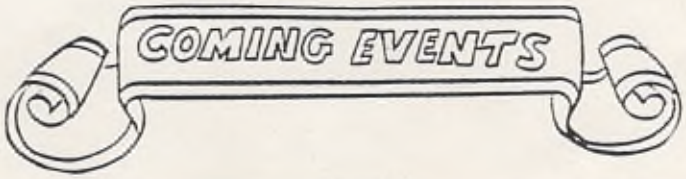

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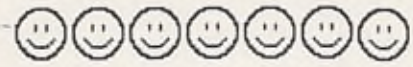

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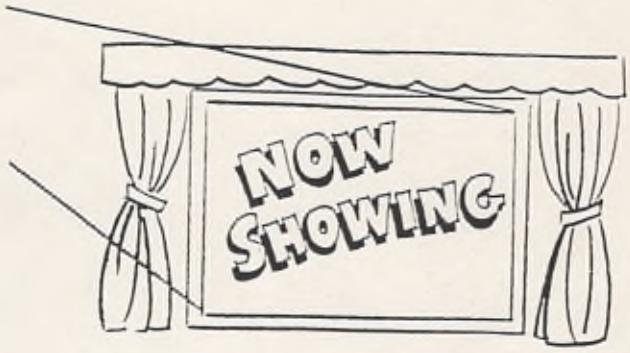

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In October 1992, Mrs. Browning received the Medal of Bravery for her heroism.

JANICE ELAINE BROWNING, M.B.

On November 15, 1991, Mrs. Browning saved a woman from a house fire in Belleville, Ontario. As she was leaving for work, Mrs. Browning saw her neighbour's residence aflame. After telling her husband to call the fire department, she ran to the house and used a key hidden nearby to open the front door. She went inside the smoke filled house but was forced to retreat. She re-entered on her hands and knees, crawling around until she located the unconscious woman. With some difficulty, Mrs. Browning picked her up and carried her outside to await the ambulance.

A guest speaker is one activity most enjoyed by the staff and students involved in novel studies. Other activities include short skits/story maps/charts and various other presentations made by the students.

Here, Mrs. MacKinnon's group, who recently finished reading the Ryan White story, share their story through drama. They act out important aspects of the book to emphasize the story line.

Another presentation is, "The ABC's of Ryan White". Here vocabulary or information beginning with the alphabet A - Z is charted and shared.

PETER PAN THEME

The kindergarten grouping studied the story of "Peter Pan" during the month of January. They made a setting of "Never Land" and the kids dressed up as characters from the story. The kindergarten presented the characters and showed a videotape of "Peter Pan" signed by Marilynn Kennedy for an assembly. The students also made crafts like pirate hats, eye patches, mermaid dolls, and Indian headbands. Everyone enjoyed the theme. It was a lot of fun. Here are some enactive stories the students told about "Peter Pan".

Amber's Story

Tick Tock chases Captain Hook
Tick Tock bites Captain Hook's hand.
Captain Hook cries.
Tick Tock says yum yum yum.

Luke's Story

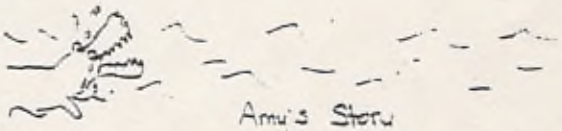
A bad pirate shoots Captain Hook.
Captain Hook falls down.
Captain Hook is hurt in the eye
Then Tick Tock eats Captain Hook.

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1993

Allison's Story

Tick Tock runs.
Tick Tock jumps in the water
Tick Tock swims

Wednesday, Jan 6, 1993



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Tick Tock wants to bite Princess Tiger Lily.
Peter Pan saves Princess Tiger Lily
Princess Tiger Lily is happy
Tick Tock is sad
Tick Tock cries

CHRISTMAS DAY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Christmas Day in Elementary school is an annual event anticipated for months and enjoyed immensely by all staff and students. This year was no different. Classes provided entertainment through songs and skits. The talent is beyond expression. We wrapped our day up, of course, with a friendly visit from the old guy in the red suit.

Get up, get up, the curtain is opening. Hurry!!!!!

Christmas spirit is buzzing around ....

I Think there's a little confusion here.

"Well, I'm not leaving.

"And, I'm not leaving"

"Oh yes Santa. I have, I have been a good boy all year.

What do I want? I don't know... What do I want?????

Ok, watching me. Let's go.

Jenny helps Luke measure, as Katie looks on.

Ok, now we need to measure the flour.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The kindergarten class did a theme on the "Baker" in November and December. They read the story about the "Gingerbread Man" as part of the theme. The students made gingerbread man cookies in class and decorated them. They also acted out the story using a flannel board and made felt gingerbread dolls with help from Mrs. wood, Mrs. Buller and Ms. Ripley. Later on, the class joined a senior home economics class and made gingerbread and sugar cookies. They cut them out, decorated them and then took them home as a Christmas gift for the parents.

Mrs Wood helps Amber put sprinkles on the cookies.

Mrs. Buller watches closely as Darryl, Katie and Luke put sprinkles on their cookies.

Christy Elliot, Johnny Watson-George and Nina Winiarczyk studied the novel "Aliens for Breakfast" by the authors J. Etra and S. Spinner.

After reading the novel they did character studies on the four main characters. They wanted to put on a play so they picked six important events in the story. They wrote and performed a play based on these six events.

FIRST

Richard is eating a free box of cereal when it starts to move. Aric, an alien has arrived on earth in a box of cereal. He tells Richard he is here to save the earth from a bad alien and he needs Richard's help.

SECOND

Aric tells Richard he has to help save the earth from Dorf who is the Drane in Richard's class. Richard has to help Aric remember what the secret weapon is so they can destroy Dorf. If they don't destroy him he will divide his body in four days, then each new Drane will divide again four days later until the earth is covered in Dranes. Dorf will divide in four days so they much find the weapon soon.

THIRD

Aric goes to school with Richard but warns Richard not to look under Dorf's teeth because that is how Dorf puts people under his control. Richard starts to bleed. Aric tells Richard that Dorf knows Richard is resisting him and is rearranging Richard's molecules. Aric remembers the secret weapon is something you can eat. They search at home for the weapon but Aric can't remember so they decide to go to the mall where there are different kinds of food.

FOURTH

Richard and Aric go to the mall hoping it will help Aric remember what the secret weapon is. They see Dorf and Henry go into "Pizza World". They want to follow Dorf and Henry. Aric makes Richard and himself invisible. They watch Dorf eating pizza and putting lots of red hot peppers on his pizza. Aric remembers the secret weapon is red hot peppers. Richard takes all his money to buy a large box of red hot peppers for Dorf.

FIFTH

Richard takes the box of red hot peppers to school and Dorf grabs the box of peppers and eats them all. Dorf changes shape and explodes. Earth is saved!

SIXTH

Richard and Henry become friends again. Aric has to leave for his next job. Aric sends Richard a special thank you gift - a baseball jacket with "INTERSPACE BRIGADE" on the back.

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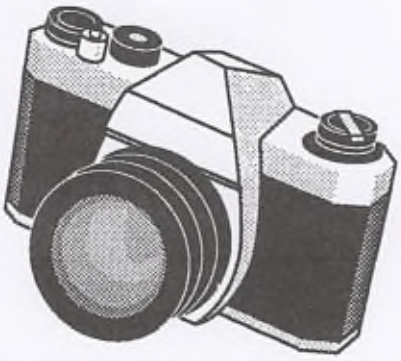

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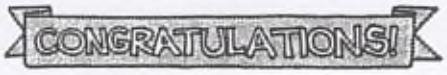
She made the local headlines, and attended an honourary luncheon and awards presentation in Ottawa. She feels very proud of herself and so do we.

In October 1992, Mrs. Browning received the Medal of Bravery for her heroism.

JANICE ELAINE BROWNING, M.B.

On November 15, 1991, Mrs. Browning saved a woman from a house fire in Belleville, Ontario. As she was leaving for work, Mrs. Browning saw her neighbour's residence aflame. After telling her husband to call the fire department, she ran to the house and used a key hidden nearby to open the front door. She went inside the smoke filled house but was forced to retreat. She re-entered on her hands and knees, crawling around until she located the unconscious woman. With some difficulty, Mrs. Browning picked her up and carried her outside to await the ambulance.



A guest speaker is one activity most enjoyed by the staff and students involved in novel studies. Other activities include short skits/story maps/charts and various other presentations made by the students.

Here, Mrs. MacKinnon's group, who recently finished reading the Ryan White story, share the story through drama. They act o important aspects of the book t emphasize the story line.

Another presentation is, "The ABC's of Ryan White". Here vocabulary or information beginning with the alphabet A - Z is charted and shared.

PETER PAN THEME

The kindergarten grouping studied the story of "Peter Pan" during the month of January. They made a setting of "Never Land" and the kids dressed up as characters from the story. The kindergarten presented the characters and showed a videotape of "Peter Pan" signed by Marilynn Kennedy for an assembly. The students also made crafts like pirate hats, eye patches, mermaid dolls, and Indian headbands. Everyone enjoyed the theme. It was a lot of fun. Here are some enactive stories the students told about "Peter Pan".

Amber's Story.

Tick Tock chases Captain Hook
Tick Tock bites Captain Hook's hand.
Captain Hook cries.
Tick Tock says yum yum yum.

Luke's Story

A bad pirate shoots Captain Hook.
Captain Hook falls down.
Captain Hook is hurt in the eye
Then Tick Tock eats Captain Hook.

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Allison's Story

Tick Tock runs.
Tick Tock jumps in the water
Tick Tock swims

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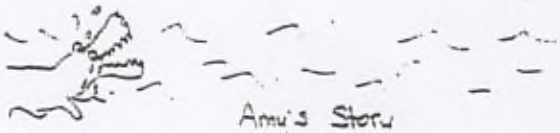
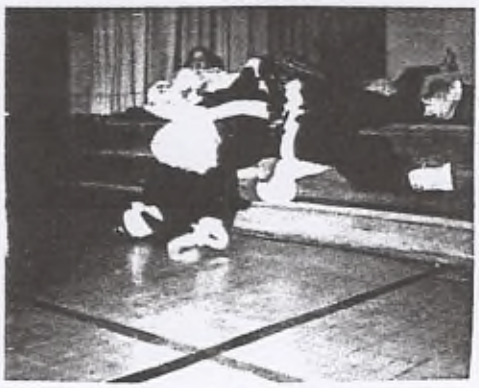


Amy's Story

Tick Tock wants to bite Princess Tiger Lily.
Peter Pan saves Princess Tiger Lily.
Princess Tiger Lily is happy
Tick Tock is sad
Tick Tock cries

CHRISTMAS DAY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Christmas Day in Elementary school is an annual event anticipated for months and enjoyed immensely by all staff and students. This year was no different. Classes provided entertainment through songs and skits. The talent is beyond expression. We wrapped our day up, of course, with a friendly visit from the old guy in the red suit.



Get up, get up, the curtain is opening. Hurry!!!!!

Christmas spirit is buzzing around ....

I Think there's a little confusion here.

"Well, I'm not leaving.

"And, I'm not leaving"

"Oh yes Santa. I have, I have been a good boy all year.

What do I want? I don't know... What do I want?????

Ok, watching me. Let's go.

Jenny helps Luke measure, as Katie looks on.

Ok, now we need to measure the flour.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The kindergarten class did a theme on the "Baker" in November and December. They read the story about the "Gingerbread Man" as part of the theme. The students made gingerbread man cookies in class and decorated them. They also acted out the story using a flannel board and made felt gingerbread dolls with help from Mrs. wood, Mrs. Buller and Ms. Ripley. Later on, the class joined a senior home economics class and made gingerbread and sugar cookies. They cut them out, decorated them and then took them home as a Christmas gift for the parents.

Mrs Wood helps Amber put sprinkles on the cookies.

Mrs. Buller watches closely as Darryl, Katie and Luke put sprinkles on their cookies.

Christy Elliot, Johnny Watson-George and Nina Winiarczyk studied the novel "Aliens for Breakfast" by the authors J. Etra and S. Spinner.

After reading the novel they did character studies on the four main characters. They wanted to put on a play so they picked six important events in the story. They wrote and performed a play based on these six events.

FIRST

Richard is eating a free box of cereal when it starts to move. Aric, an alien has arrived on earth in a box of cereal. He tells Richard he is here to save the earth from a bad alien and he needs Richard's help.

SECOND

Aric tells Richard he has to help save the earth from Dorf who is the Drane in Richard's class. Richard has to help Aric remember what the secret weapon is so they can destroy Dorf. If they don't destroy him he will divide his body in four days, then each new Drane will divide again four days later until the earth is covered in Dranes. Dorf will divide in four days so they much find the weapon soon.

THIRD

Aric goes to school with Richard but warns Richard not to look under Dorf's teeth because that is how Dorf puts people under his control. Richard starts to bleed. Aric tells Richard that Dorf knows Richard is resisting him and is rearranging Richard's molecules. Aric remembers the secret weapon is something you can eat. They search at home for the weapon but Aric can't remember so they decide to go to the mall where there are different kinds of food.

FOURTH

Richard and Aric go to the mall hoping it will help Aric remember what the secret weapon is. They see Dorf and Henry go into "Pizza World". They want to follow Dorf and Henry. Aric makes Richard and himself invisible. They watch Dorf eating pizza and putting lots of red hot peppers on his pizza. Aric remembers the secret weapon is red hot peppers. Richard takes all his money to buy a large box of red hot peppers for Dorf.

FIFTH

Richard takes the box of red hot peppers to school and Dorf grabs the box of peppers and eats them all. Dorf changes shape and explodes. Earth is saved!

SIXTH

Richard and Henry become friends again. Aric has to leave for his next job. Aric sends Richard a special thank you gift - a baseball jacket with "INTERSPACE BRIGADE" on the back.